



CSBG ARRA Close-Out Report

(June 15, 2009 – September 30, 2010)

Please complete and sent to your CSBG grant manager by November 1.

Organization Name:	City of Seattle, Seattle Conservation Corps		
Grant #:	F09-321-305F-305		
Amount Awarded:	\$258,583	Amount Spent:	\$258,583
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Please copy and paste the table below, then complete for each project.

Project Name: Emergency Rent Assistance
Final Brief Project Description: This project allowed SCC to provide emergency rent assistance to homeless individuals enrolled in the SCC program.
Total # of unduplicated clients served in this project during the entire grant period: (The sum of all unduplicated client project numbers should be similar or equal to the number you are reporting on your ARRA Form G.) 150 clients total. 76 rent vouchers were issued to 53 unduplicated clients.
Age(s) benefitting: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infants/Children (1-11) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-18) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults (18-54) <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors (55+) <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Community
Strengths of this project: In 2009 SCC was having difficulty moving people out of transitional housing into permanent housing. Higher rents, lower wages and other factors were contributing. ARRA funds significantly increased SCC's ability to assist clients with rent payments. The results are clear. In the first half of 2009 SCC was able to place 5 people into permanent housing. In the first half of 2010 with ARRA rent assistance SCC was able to assist 20 people to get into permanent housing.
Weaknesses/Challenges of this project: Inability to continue this project due to lack of funds.
New opportunities that were a result of this project: SCC was able to move more people out of transitional housing into permanent housing. 25 people moved from homelessness into permanent housing. 7 people received assistance to maintain permanent housing. 4 people moved into transitional housing and 14 were able to maintain transitional and 3 were able to get into a shelter.
Any threats this project created (e.g. larger influx of funds over short timeframe increased risk of improper fund management): none
What you learned from this project: Temporary rent assistance is a large factor in SCC's client's ability to transition into permanent housing. SCC needs to look for new fund sources so that

this project can be continued.

Project Name: Computer Upgrades
Final Brief Project Description: The Seattle Conservation Corps was able to replace outdated, unsupported computers from the SCC learning center with City of Seattle computers and City of Seattle technical support. SCC also added internet capability to the learning center computers
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Strengths of this project: SCC's learning center was filled with broken computers and ancient software programs. This project allowed SCC to purchase 10 new computers with up-to-date software and a printer as well as internet access. SCC could not have managed these much needed improvements without this grant. Also, because these computers are part of the City network, IT support and regular upgrades will be standard.
Weaknesses/Challenges of this project: The biggest challenge of this project was working with City IT to set up the system. They felt we needed extra safeguards for these computers because the users were not regular City employees. Also the system for passwords was complicated. These challenges slowed the delivery of the computers to the learning center.
New opportunities that were a result of this project: Allowed computer literacy training for more participants on up-to-date equipment and software programs. SCC now has the capacity to offer on line job search training and computer access for job search activities to more people.
Any threats this project created (e.g. larger influx of funds over short timeframe increased risk of improper fund management): none
What you learned from this project: This really just supported SCC's belief that a modern supported computer network in our learning center would benefit SCC clients in many ways.

Project Name: Increase SCC revenue through Green projects
Final Brief Project Description: SCC was able conduct a market survey to determine potential new lines of business and new customers. SCC was also able to add two new supervisors which increased crew capacity. SCC used information in the market survey to design and implement

new training curriculum for staff and clients. SCC has taken on several new types of projects recommended by the market survey including several in the green jobs areas. These include building rain gardens, installing green roofs and forest rehabilitation.
Total # of unduplicated clients served in this project during the entire grant period: (The sum of all unduplicated client project numbers should be similar or equal to the number you are reporting on your ARRA Form G.) 150
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Strengths of this project: This project allowed SCC to offer new types of training to our Clients. Training that we hope will better prepare them for employment in the current job market.
Weaknesses/Challenges of this project: While much of the green jobs emphasis has been on weatherization SCC did not believe that to be the best employment track for our employees and not a good area for a new line of business. Figuring out other emerging green career tracks and project opportunities that SCC could be successful with was a challenge.
New opportunities that were a result of this project: Green roof installation training, rain garden installation training. Environmental awareness and conservation training. Horticulture, invasive species and forest rehabilitation training.
Any threats this project created (e.g. larger influx of funds over short timeframe increased risk of improper fund management): none
What you learned from this project: There is a great benefit to clients and staff to be able to offer training in new areas of construction and low impact, environmentally sound lines of business. This training increases project opportunities for SCC crews and adds important skills to the program graduates resumes. SCC has permanently added some environmental education to our training program and is actively seeking new funding opportunities to allow us to continue to develop training curriculums that match new market needs.

Overall ARRA questions:

Overall, how you would describe the impact of ARRA on your clients: SCC has been able to increase the number of clients who are able to move from homelessness to both subsidized and unsubsidized permanent housing. SCC has been able to offer new training in several "green jobs" activities including green roofs, rain gardens, and forest rehabilitation. These skills will enhance the resumes of graduates and should open new job opportunities for them. The improvements to SCC's learning center, the new computers and internet access will allow training and job search capability that will better prepare SCC graduates to compete in the job market.
Overall, how you would describe the impact of ARRA on your agency: The ARRA has enabled

SCC to improve and expand services to clients, increase capacity, and to offer new types training to our staff and clients. ARRA has also allowed SCC to the ability to undertake pilot projects in new areas of construction and environmental stewardship and to assess their benefit to the program and to the clients we serve.

Overall, how you would describe the impact of ARRA on your community: SCC offers a comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of our homeless clients. The increase in services ARRA allowed SCC to offer benefits the bigger community in many ways; more people living stable self-sustaining lives, less people relying on government assistance, more people paying taxes, child support, repaying fines, and becoming productive members of their community.